

REMARKS

Claims 1-23 are pending in this Application. On March 11, 2003, the examiner issued an Office Action (the "Office Action") containing a restriction requirement. In this Response, Applicant elects with traverse certain claims for examination in this Application. Applicant also submits with this Response formal drawings of the Figs. in this Application and requests that the Examiner approve and enter the same. No claims are amended, and no new matter is added in this Response.

Election of Claims

In the Office Action, the examiner stated that he believes this Application contains two (2) patentably distinct species of the claimed invention, embodiment 1 being illustrated by Fig. 3, and embodiment 2 illustrated by Figs. 4a-6. The examiner also stated that he believed none of the pending claims in this Application are generic.

On March 26, 2003, Applicant confirmed by telephonic interview that the examiner intended to include Figs. 1-2 in his assessment of the first patentably distinct embodiment of the claimed invention. In this Response Applicant therefore responds to the restriction requirement as though the examiner had stated that "embodiment 1" of the claimed invention is illustrated by Figs. 1-3, and that "embodiment 2" of the claimed invention is illustrated by Figs. 4-6.

Applicant elects, with traverse, claims 1-8, 10, and 12-18 for examination in this Application. Applicant states that the elected claims, as presently drafted, read on the embodiment of the invention illustrated in Figs. 1-3 (i.e., embodiment 1). Applicant further states that it considers claims 1-8, 10, and 12-13 generic.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicant submits that this application is in condition for allowance.

Respectfully,



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